







## BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKERS

Ministry of Labour and National Service

BECAUSE of the scarcity of labour the Building and Civil Engineering (Restriction on Transfer) Order, 1941, has been made. It provides now that Employment Exchanges should know whenever a building worker is leaving his employer.

Every building worker must now report on the day of leaving his employment (or the day after) to an Employment Exchange. If he intends to report at an Exchange other than the one nearest his present job he must tell his employer. Persons employed as managers, as salesmen or clerks (other than drafting clerks, progress clerks or cost accountants) or in domestic service, are exempted from this rule.

**Local Builders** are reminded that an employer employing a man for more than 20 employees, craftsmen and labourers must send a return within 14 days of his leaving without permission until January 15, 1942. After that date all returns must be sent to the nearest Employment Exchange. If a man is employed in a building which is not a building, he must be sent to the nearest Employment Exchange. If a man is employed in a building which is not a building, he must be sent to the nearest Employment Exchange.

is an excellent cigarette at 10 for 61d.

## IT IS GRAND TO HAVE A MEAL Without Pain Afterwards

DRAMATIC TRIBUTE TO MACLEAN BRAND STOMACH POWDER

Birmingham, September 29th, 1941.

Dear Sirs,

I have suffered from indigestion and stomach pain for 20 years or more. For months ago my sister begged of me to take MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder which I did. I feel I must write and say how grateful I am as it is grand to have a meal without pain afterwards. I was 7 stone 2 lbs. I am now 8 stone 5 lbs.

I tell everyone I know who suffers with indigestion how MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder has helped me. I now take a dose each night and shall continue to do so.

I am quite willing for you to make use of this.

Yours sincerely,

(Red) Mrs. M. B.

**WARNING!**

MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder

is the genuine article. Beware of cheap imitations.

ALEX. C. MACLEAN appears on the package.

INSIST ON THIS SIGNATURE

EXCUSE ME - to stay lovely INNER CLEANLINESS comes first!

The simple health rule of Inner Cleanliness with Andrews will help every woman to keep fit, stay young and feel cheerful. For Andrews is more than a laxative. A giant task regularly, as often as needed, cleans away those skin blemishes, freckles and the little bits of skin.

FIRST... Andrews cleans and refreshes the mouth and tongue.

NEXT... Andrews settles the stomach and corrects acidity, the chief cause of indigestion.

THEN... Andrews tones up the liver and clears biliousness.

FINALLY... To complete your Inner Cleanliness, Andrews gently cleans the bowels. It sweeps away poisons, corrects Constipation, purifies the blood and clears the skin.

Andrews is always effective because the quality is always the same.

Price: 10/- and 4/- each, including postage tax.

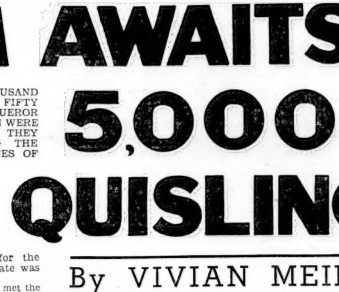
**ANDREWS LIVER SALT**

When days are cold many prefer Andrews with the chill off

## CLUB OF DAMNED SOULS



REPORTS are now seeping through neutral countries of fears in Nazi circles that their Quislings are trying to save themselves at the cost of their employers by giving away vital information. And the reason? The roster of traitors—the Club of the Damned—maintained by the secret and most determined society of patriots which has brought a new nightmare into the lives of the Nazis.



By VIVIAN MEIK

between occupied and unoccupied France, in the province of Indre-et-Loire, in the heart of the chateau country a few miles from Tours.

But just as the pre-arranged Franco-Nazi war ended at Laval, the post-armistice fight for freedom began there for the post-mark on the Cadre des Damnés letter received by Laval and most of the other Quislings bore the name of the little village.

It is almost impossible to say that Gestapo and Vichy agents were the spot without delay—but the trail ended as soon as it began. The old post office had not been rebuilt and the shack that did temporary duty used a stamp of another design.

Moreover, Laval was still in unoccupied France, and the Quislings had received their letters in territory under Nazi rule. It was only they realised that they had also arrived without the frontier censorship stamp!

Soon the Nazis discovered they were up against a deeper mystery than the "V" army and its secret newspaper organisations—and they tried to find the men who were baffling them.

The Nazis make little secret of their belief that the compilers of the Cadre des Damnés were the most pendent body pledged mainly to the extermination of all Quislings.

France—all Europe, in fact—has for months been seething with stories of the Quislings on whose safety may hang their hold in occupied Europe—and through that hold the very existence of Hitlerism—the story of the collapse of Laval.

The first reliable news of the activities of the men behind it came through an American journal with such reputation for the accurate reporting of their neutral correspondents.

Both these and other correspondents agreed that the key of the mystery must still be found to the devastated little village of Laval.

There is—or was—only one building of importance in Laval which reached the Nazis.

At first, it was reported that Pucheu had also been killed. But this was denied almost at once by the Nazis. Some mystery, however, still surrounds this Quisling's movements.

Since Pucheu's death the total of rewards offered by Nazi C.M.G. in Paris, for information leading to the discovery of the compilers of the Cadre des Damnés has risen to over \$100,000.

Yet the French reaction has been hardly been to record his name and complete the list of traitors. No more bombs (explosive and stink) are being thrown at the traitors and the discovery of an incendiary bomb in the garden of one of the houses which was once the home of the Cadre des Damnés has been the only result.

Only a single French man, the quiet village of Laval, has been the only one to be named. The rest of the world has been left to guess at the fate of the traitors.

It is—what a lot of it—just over the boundary line.

stand by helplessly as they see these things.

Or do they stand by—when they realise that some of these horrors could have been prevented if it had not been for the Quislings who had betrayed them?

The answer may have been found by the nine men who escaped from Laval, for no longer can Hitler hide his incompetence to overcome any stout-hearted nation which his Quislings have not first rotted away.

Consequently, the argument of the Club of the Damned Souls appears to be, the extermination of Hitler's traitors may prove the quickest way to defeat him.

This theory is being widened ever, the belief that those officers and men who have been in the light of the latest developments.

That the original numbers of the club have grown is obvious—as obvious as the fact that the plans and the executive of the club have been changed.

One instance where the Nazis have been able to trace any of them.

Cowards Panic-Stricken

On the other hand, the value of their cold courage to the common sense of the Quislings.

In a few short months they have driven the Quislings of France into the depths of despair.

Every man (and woman) of them has been the victim of the psychological effect of the campaign of the Cadre des Damnés.

Since the letters have become more frequent, few, if any, Quislings have had the courage to report what they see or hear.

Despair Is Spreading

Till now the only connection between the small village of Laval and the rest of France.

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## 'Take my case' says Mrs. DOUBTFIRE

"Take my case," says Mrs. Doubtfire. "Up to a fortnight ago I was having 4 pints of milk a day, as being four in family if you count poor Auntie. Then suddenly they cut us to half, and one week even that was partly out of a tin. What are they doing with all the milk they're saving—that what I'd like to know? And how do I get milk for Dad's duodenal?"

You've got the facts wrong, Mrs. Doubtfire. There just isn't any "saving" in the way you mean. The cows aren't fifth columnists, but they give much less milk in the winter. Remember that all the priority milk goes (the children and expectant mothers, and people with certain illnesses) have to be looked after first. So that means that all the shortage must be borne by the rest of us who have no priority claims. It's hard, but it's only fair; and you'll agree that to take away milk from the priority users would be harder still as well as unfair.

Another thing—there's been a big movement of population since the war, but the cows haven't moved along with it! So distribution is more complicated than it was. Then the demand for fresh milk has increased by as much as 30% while the dairy farmers have had their work out to keep milk production up to just about what it used to be—and a grand job they've made of it.

Now about Mrs. Doubtfire. The doctor can't give a certificate for more milk unless his patient is suffering from one of a list of diseases for which extra milk is essential. A duodenal ulcer is one of these diseases. It's because Dad and others like him must have more than the rest of us must be content with less.

We hope we've made it clear, Mrs. Doubtfire!

FOOD FACTS No. 78. THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1

## RHEUMATISM

Pain fades out as Sloans soaks in.

Sloans Liniment gives Nature just the help she needs to rid you of rheumatic pains and stiffness. Sloans warms and soothes the aching tissues, stimulates the circulation, disperses congestion and gives you real relief from the pain. Don't suffer, apply Sloans gently at the first twinge.

The Sloans to stop the pains (lumbago, backache, sciatica, neuritis, neuralgia, rheumatism, etc.) and soothe the aching tissues, stimulates the circulation, disperses congestion and gives you real relief from the pain. Don't suffer, apply Sloans gently at the first twinge.

With SLOANS KILLS PAIN

There's the PAIN! There's the SLOANS!

But nothing appears to divert the attention of the Club of the Damned Souls from their objective. One by one, more frequently—the Quislings of France are paying the price.

It is this few men and the idea of the Cadre des Damnés has caught and held the imagination of patriots in other countries. It is no secret that lists of Quislings have been compiled to date in every occupied country. There is no longer a single hiding-place in the whole of Europe for a traitor.

It is significant that within a few minutes of the arrival of the Commandos in Norway the walls of all houses in which Quislings were to be found were marked with a cross.

Whirlwind They Will Recap.

None of them escaped. Some were captured and brought to England to await their trial, of which Mr. Churchill spoke in no uncertain terms. Others were before they could be taken. The remainder fled—but their new hide-out will one day be found marked with a cross.

Reports are now seeping through neutral countries of new trials in Holland and Belgium in Nazi circles that the traitors are trying to save themselves at the cost of their employers by giving away vital information.

Van Mussert, Dutch arch-Quisling, has already been taken to Germany "to protect" him from the Club of the Damned Souls, which is believed to have extended its reach to death on violence.

In the words of Mr. Roosevelt, they have sown the wind and can now only reap the whirlwind.

deposit all you can in the

POST OFFICE

AND TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANKS

It is silly to walk about with a lot of money in your pocket. It's easily lost, stolen, or destroyed. And it is so easy to put it in a Savings Bank—Post Office or Trustee. You just hand it over to the counter and the job is done for you. Then it is safe and earns good interest. If you should need money quickly you can always get a few pounds on demand—over the counter; but so long as you leave it in it helps to win the war.

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## Hitler's Blackest Week-End

BECAUSE Washington, London and Moscow have shown that they think the Far East front should be kept in its true perspective as a secondary theatre of war, this week-end is undoubtedly the blackest yet experienced by Hitler, and there are many indications that the Nazi High Command is losing its nerve.

# MISTAKES MAY COST JAPANESE A MILLION

From Our Diplomatic Correspondent

DESPITE INITIAL JAPANESE SUCCESSES, THERE IS GOOD REASON FOR THE APPARENT PARADOX OF TOKYO'S CONTINUED AND UNDISGUISED ANXIETY ABOUT THE FUTURE. JAPANESE LEADERS KNOW WELL THAT THEIR PRESENT ADVANCE IS OF LITTLE VALUE UNLESS IT WINS THROUGH TO THE END WITHOUT A HALT, AND THEY FEAR THAT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE IF IT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE AXIS OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST TO PREVENT FURTHER ALLIED REINFORCEMENTS.

## Father Of The Race

WIVES, in court yesterday—

My husband gets all hot and bothered when he reads that after the war the race is going to be one large family. He says that his family of three is more than enough for him.

My husband couldn't do more than to read, but he would if he could.

My husband seems to forget that when I married him I gave him another mother.

HUSBANDS said—

We aren't alike, my wife isn't. Quarrelling as we do, we are more like Axis partners.

I was about to complain to the authorities about the short measure they were giving me when I found out it was not my fault, but mine in sending my wife with a jug for caught beer, and so giving her a chance of a drink on her way home.

One little Christmas card I sent of an anonymous note in my wife's handwriting told me she was to get my hair cut.

There was once court-martialled, that was a picnic compared with when my wife was ordered with when my wife was in the mat every time she came home.

## Still Wanted—Bundles For Britain

JUST like the horses in the Grand National on the first day of the course, the winners in Britain's great 20,000 Waste Paper contest now "settling down."

It is a difficult race to "read" in any of the twenty areas in which the country has been divided, thousands of enthusiastic workers are setting every corner on the struggle.

Local authorities, WVS members, Boy Scouts and private individuals are all working with a will to help to secure for their area a winning portion of the prize money.

They want to help their "home" charities, and at the same time do their bit towards providing that mountain of waste paper which will feed the guns and bring victory.

Here are a few suggestions made by the Waste Paper Recovery

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

## Westminster Abbey Ceremony

Miss Kathleen Ainsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ainsworth, of Leatherhead, and Lieut. Leslie C. Eaton, R.N.R., son of Mrs. Eaton and the late Mr. F. C. Eaton, J.P., L.D.S., of Forest Hill, S.E., after their wedding at Westminster Abbey.



## Portuguese Ship Saves Four British Airmen

# RADIO WARSHIPS

## 'PEOPLES ABCAR'

FOUR BRITISH AIRMEN WERE RESCUED FROM THE ATLANTIC BY A PORTUGUESE SHIP BOUND FOR WEST AFRICA, AND MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HOME BY NOW BUT FOR THE PORTUGUESE RADIO OPERATOR WHO KNOWS FEWER THAN A DOZEN WORDS OF ENGLISH, BUT WHO SENT OUT A MESSAGE: "COMINGS HERE, PEOPLES ABCAR."

British destroyers intercepted the message, boarded the ship and took off the airmen, the Air Ministry said yesterday.

The men were 300 miles out at sea on anti-submarine patrol in a Coastal Command tug named Congo. After passing over a Portuguese ship named Congo, the Hudson was forced down because of engine trouble. When all the crew were in the rubber dinghy they found that the rubber tube through which the dinghy was inflated was still attached to the sinking aircraft. Their hands were so cold that they could not get the clippers free of the wrapping to cut the tube.

There was only one thing to do and the Second Pilot did it. He took the plane's door to which the tube was attached cut its hinges and pulled it into the water. A few moments later the dinghy was afloat. The Portuguese ship picked up the airmen. On the morning of the third day two destroyers found the captain, not knowing if they were British, told the airmen to lie low.

When within 200 yards the destroyers were seen to be British, the airmen signalled in international. The destroyers turned away but were tracked back by the Congo. An armed escort boarded the Congo.

The airmen learned that after the destroyers had turned away the message had been sent by a merchant shipping wavelight had been picked up. "I said," "Comings here, peoples ABCAR." The radio operator reported that the message had been sent by a ship close at hand, and the destroyers put back to the Congo to pick up the airmen, and the Italians on board.

## Court Told Of Black Market

# BITS OF PAPER AS CLOTHING COUPONS

A CASE WHICH IT WAS SAID MIGHT DEVELOP INTO TRAFFICKING IN THE BLACK MARKET WITH CLOTHING COUPONS FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED WAS HEARD AT LEEDS YESTERDAY.

William Guest, aged thirty-seven, lorry driver, and Harry Bardwell, aged forty-four, draper, both of St. Sepulchre-church, Doncaster, were remanded in custody charged with the offence of being concerned in the sale of coupons obtained by fraud. The coupons were obtained by a trick four vouchers, each representing 500 clothing coupons, the property of the Board of Trade.

Mr. W. R. Hargrave, prosecuting, said that the alleged frauds had taken place at Leeds, Sheffield, Rotherham, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, and Bradford.

SENT TO LONDON Under the clothing rationing rules retailers who received clothing coupons from customers had to hand over the coupons in sealed parcels of 490 each to the post office. In return for each parcel they received a voucher worth 500 coupons to obtain more stock.

The parcels were not opened by the Post Office, but were sent to the Board of Trade in London, where they were checked. Mr. Hargrave said that the alleged frauds had taken place at Leeds, Sheffield, Rotherham, Dewsbury, Huddersfield, and Bradford.

Guest, he said, was caught at Leeds when he was handing over a large number of parcels to a Board of Trade official. He was found waiting for Guest in a car. It was estimated that about 100,000 coupons had been fraudulently obtained.

SHOPPERS—WATCH FOR THESE POINTS! Under the new rationing scheme begins tomorrow and continues until February 8. For this period the A, B and C coupons marked with these dates will be valid.

A and B coupons are worth one point each, and C coupons are worth two points each. A total of 16 points for each person.

## THE BUFFS FOUGHT TO THE LAST

Chairo, Saturday. TELL them The Buffs of the Royal East Kent Regiment are still The Buffs and always will be. We had a hard knock but are re-forming, and it won't be long before we are back in the line and then we shall have our revenge.

The speaker was the Acting Colonel commanding a battered battalion now resting in the hills near Gazala last month.

The regiment and its supporting units fought to the last against an overwhelming onslaught of German tanks and heavy tanks and an entire regiment of German heavy tanks.

"I saw the last of our colonel," said a company sergeant-major who was with the Buffs.

## A.F.S. Men Demand A Square Deal

"ALTHOUGH I had no fire service or 'Biltz' A experience, a pay-clipper earned at a week has now been given the rank of Column Officer and has a new salary of £500 a year."

Crossword SEVEN BIG CHEQUES

CROSSWORD No. 262—Adjunctive Committee decided that the winners of the most meritorious answers on one square of the crossword puzzle were each submitted a cheque which differed at one point from the others.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, a cheque for £100, £50, £25, £10, £5, £2, and £1 was awarded to each.

Winners' names and addresses may be obtained from the Competition Department, "The People," 20, Bedford Square, London, W.C.2.

There were nine complete winners and each will receive a prize of provisions. Areas—1. Strut, 2. Cart, 3. Stick, 4. Bait, 5. Fire, 6. Seven for the entry from an entire £1,000 competition.

1250 FOR LISTENERS The first of a series of £250 weekly prizes to be won in the Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund Competition will be given to the listener who telephones 7-6000 (Forces Programme) tomorrow night. Don't miss it!

'FASTEST CRUISER EVER BUILT IN U.S.' New York, Saturday. Reported to be the fastest light cruiser ever built in the United States, one of America's latest warships has been christened "The Washburn Cut." \$21,250,000—B.U.P.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU! The following readers "The People" offers sincere congratulations to the officers and crew of their respective wedding anniversary.

DIAMOND WEDDING: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hargrave, 10, St. Sepulchre-church, Doncaster. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hargrave, 10, St. Sepulchre-church, Doncaster. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hargrave, 10, St. Sepulchre-church, Doncaster.

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## Huns Claim Secret Aero Engine

Berlin, Saturday.

DETAILS OF A NEW SECRET AERO ENGINE, ALREADY IN PRODUCTION, ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GERMAN PRESS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

It is, they say, one of the largest engines ever mass-produced, and is air-cooled with two banks of cylinders in line.

A two-engine dive-bomber of the latest type will be equipped with these engines. The fuel consumption is said to be lower than hitherto dreamed possible.

Where attacks are severe, and as the machine is in general use, it is said to be a good one.

It is a week of the avoidance of any of the cabbage family on infected land for a few years.

## Clubroot

By RICHARD SUELL

IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, WHERE THE SOIL IS SANDY, THE ACID CHARACTER, THE ROOT OF CABBAGES AND ALLIED PLANTS IS PREVALENT.

This disease is due to a fungus—the nematode, called the clubroot. First sign of its attack is drooping of stems and stunted growth. Eventually the plants die.

It is a week of the avoidance of any of the cabbage family on infected land for a few years.

Others who will be sentenced include: High Council of the Nazi Party; all Gauleiters; members of the occupied countries; Quisling and his associates.

The "court" will consist of representatives of the Governments of Britain, U.S., Russia, France, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The indictment lays it down that retribution and punishment is to be meted out to all those who are responsible, directly or indirectly, for the death of innocent civilians in the occupied lands.

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hitler and His Gang Will Find No Escape

REPRESENTATIVES OF 12 nations meeting in London this week will form an international tribunal at which death sentences will be pronounced on Hitler and the Nazi murder gang.

This solemn assembly will also set up a special organisation to track up the list of war criminals and collect evidence against them and keep track of their whereabouts.

The list on last to be considered for death will be Hitler, Goebbels, Himmler, von Ribbentrop, Goring, and the other Nazi leaders.

Remember these Important Facts about Ovaltine

Ovaltine itself contains Milk Milk of the highest quality standardised by the famous 'Ovaltine' Jersey Herd is as important as the 'Ovaltine' itself. It is a milk which is as well as from 'Ovaltine' with water only, or with dried milk or condensed milk.

Makes Milk go Further When made with milk, 'Ovaltine' not only reinforces the natural food properties of the added milk, but also contributes additional and valuable vitamins, as well as from 'Ovaltine' with water only, or with dried milk or condensed milk.

Makes Milk more Digestible 'Ovaltine' actually improves the digestibility of milk, so that you derive the full benefit from the special properties of 'Ovaltine' break down the milk, thus making it completely digestible.

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## Pease spread the MARMITE

thinly!

It is the difference between the difference which now splits the Nazi High Command may soon spread to the tank and the quiet life of the home front.

Hitler is now doing all he can to save both his skin and his Russian front, but present indications are that the double problem will prove too much for him.

It must not be thought from this that his end is near—his ability must be underrated.

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Ask your Chemist for

# Calumet

The Wonder Tablet

## IMPORTANT TO WOMEN!

Doctors say that a woman's system is so sensitive that the shock caused by strong laxative medicines may do serious harm. These internal troubles which often afflict a woman in later life are many cases due to taking medicines which are too strong. Treat the delicate mechanism of your body gently by taking Calumet Syrup of Figs. It never interferes with the bodily functions, but relieves the bowels naturally, giving a complete internal cleansing in a few hours. Doctors and nurses everywhere recommend Calumet Syrup of Figs because it is a gentle liquid laxative.

Obtainable everywhere. Be sure you get Calumet Syrup of Figs brand—Advt.

## Sciatica

To disperse congestion and to remove the cause of that disabling pain, doctors recommend "the warmth that heals"—blessed soothing Thermogen-Medicated Wadding. Wear it unobtrusively day and night while you carry on.

## TO REMOVE PAIN

## USE THERMOGENE

## WADDING

## ORIGINAL

## THERMOGENE

## HÆMORRHOIDS

## —Now Quite Free!

## Germoloids

## SWOLLEN, CHILBLAINED FEET?

## RADOX

## MIX YOUR HORLICKS

## WITH WATER ONLY—NO MILK NEEDED

## Regular Horlicks experts know that the correct way to mix this delicious food-drink is and always has been to mix it with water—hot or cold—the milk is already in it.

## And what an advantage this is at the present moment. The use of Horlicks makes no demands on your milk supply.

## Horlicks is a complete food-drink

## Mixed with water only, Horlicks is a complete food-drink. Horlicks is milk combined with the nutritive extracts of malted barley and wheat. The special process of combining these ingredients ensures the digestive and nutritive properties which make Horlicks so valuable.

## Remember that to make hot Horlicks you should use water that is off the boil. Never use boiling water.

## Prices are the same as before the war from two shillings a bottle.

## We ask you to be patient when you cannot get Horlicks. Our reduced supplies are being distributed as evenly and fairly as possible.

# "JAPANESE BATTLE YET FOUGHT"

**HEADED BY 12-TON TANKS, JAPANESE TROOPS WERE YESTERDAY SMASHING THEIR WAY SOUTH TOWARDS KUALA LUMPUR, CAPITAL OF MALACCA STATE, AND SECOND CITY OF MALAYA, IN THE FIERCEST BATTLE YET FOUGHT IN MALAYA.**

The British forces, outnumbered by four to one and mercilessly harried by waves of dive-bombers, which swoop over unopposed, have again had to fall back.

They are retreating on either side of the north-south road and railway. Yesterday's communiqué from G.H.Q., Singapore, admitted that the Slim River line, some 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, had been abandoned after severe fighting.

The main British difficulty (Reuters stated) is lack of air support. Forty-three years' old Air Commodore A. P. M. Sanders is the man. From July, 1940, he has been Director of Ground Defence in the Air Ministry. His new title is "Director of Ground Defence, Planning and Assistant Commandant of the RAF Ref." General Liaison and Air Commodore Sanders will have a joint staff of Army and RAF officers, and will co-operate with the General Staff at the War Office and at G.H.Q. Home Forces.

He will advise on ground defence training of all RAF personnel—not only on that of the RAF Regiment.

**ARMED FOR OFFENCE**  
Men of the regiment will have a sound training similar to that of the infantry soldier, and afterwards in the use of special weapons and equipment, and collective tactical training in airfield defence.

They will be armed so as to give them a high degree of fire power and local mobility, and will be trained to take the offensive whenever possible.

The question of employing units of the regiment overseas is under active consideration. Airmen will be known as "Gunners" to distinguish them from "Air-Gunners."

**LESS DUTY FOR SOME FIRE GUARDS**  
EVERY man who does fire watching at business hours can now it was stated officially yesterday, be given a credit of at least six hours against his liability under a local authority.

This reduces the maximum liability in any four-weekly period from 48 to 42 hours. A part of those duties are performed at business premises, and the balance under the local authority.

When a fire does more than 30 hours duty a month at its business premises he cannot be called on by the local authority to do any duty. It does between 18 and 30 hours duty may be expected to do 12 hours, if between 6 and 18 hours, 24 hours, and if it does none he can be called on for 48 hours.

A fire brigade is listed in the first four weeks of any period of 12 weeks it will exist at the Western Desert, where a certificate is issued during the last eight weeks of such a period by the War Office for use by the Sudanese.

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**Secret Desert Dump Captured**  
Cairo, Saturday.

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**DEFENCE LINE BROKEN**  
After a five days' battle General Meretskov's troops forced the passage of the River Volchov, breaking through their well-established positions.

They were troops under the immediate command of Major-General Andrei, who achieved this success—the troops who, during the action, when he dropped on the heels of the German banner of a Guards unit, and took an oath not to let the Fascist beasts be destroyed.

The South-Western front tells the same story of the stubborn outflanking of the Germans from one position after another.

Further details of how the "Fascist beasts" are being wiped out by the avenging Russian troops were given in the supplement to yesterday's Soviet communiqué.

During one day's fighting, one unit operating on a sector of the front, the German troops were firing many times and pill-boxes and ANTIHATED more than 250 German officers and men.

On the South-Western front, Soviet troops routed the staff headquarters of a German bat-

## Duff-Cooper Recalled: New Far East War Plan

MR. DUFF-COOPER, RESIDENT MINISTER IN SINGAPORE, WITH CABINET RANK, HAS BEEN TOLD TO WIND UP HIS MISSION IN THE FAR EAST AND RETURN TO ENGLAND. HIS RECALL IS WELCOMED IN AUSTRALIA AS BEING A BIG STEP TOWARDS A MORE EFFICIENT PACIFIC WAR ORGANISATION.

## Still Running, But—ROMMEL CHARGES LINE OF RETREAT

GENERAL ROMMEL HAS ONCE MORE CHANGED THE DIRECTION OF HIS ONE-WAY STREET. RETREAT, AND WHILE A STRONG REARGUARD ACTION IS STILL GOING ON, HIS MAIN FORCES, PRESUMABLY MADE UP OF AS MANY GERMANS AS ITALIANS, HAVE LEFT THE METAL ROAD TO FORCE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE DESERT IN HILLY ESCARMENTS AND WADIS COUNTRY SOME THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF THE SEA.

The fact that he is still using important delaying forces in rearguard fighting shows the enemy could not find a way to a fast further west. The German and Italian armies withdrew yesterday from Jeddah towards El Aghelia, our bombers made concentrated attacks on enemy positions.

"South-west of Jeddah," says today's army communiqué, "our columns attacked detachments of the enemy occupying positions covering the main enemy line of communication."

Elsewhere the enemy withdrew so fast that our advanced elements were not able to bring him into action.

Our bombers made a stand west of El Aghelia, on semi-prepared positions where they linked up with light reinforcements from the west.

Now that he has been driven a few more tanks from Italy, but the Navy and RAF are preventing any large supplies from reaching the sea.

And immediately south of El Aghelia there is a stretch of swampy country with salt flats which would prevent the retreat of Rommel if he decides to do so.

In some places cliffs run down to the sea. The Navy and the RAF are still bombing and shelling the German detachments.

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## BROCHURE COLD'S VICKY

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## SO EASY TO AVOID INDIGESTION

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